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SUBJECT: CODEL HUMPHREY/SCOTT - WARSAW VISIT

SUMMARY: CODEL'S SEVEN-HOUR VISIT TO WARSAW ON JULY 5 WAS MARKED BY WARM POLISH HOSPITALITY AND OPEN WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS DURING ONE-HOUR MEETINGS WITH FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK AND FOREIGN MINISTER LOSZOWSKI. A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THE MEETINGS WAS ATTENDED BY 20 JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF AP, UPI, AND AFP. ON THE CEREMONIAL SIDE, THE CODEL LAID WREATHS AT THE MONUMENTS TO THE WORLD WAR II DEFENDERS OF WARSAW AND TO THE HEROES OF WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING. THE VISIT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE AND FAVORABLE TELEVISION AND PRESS COVERAGE. END SUMMARY.

AMONG THE SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON IN THE MEETINGS WITH GIEREK AND OLSZOWSKI, SOME OF WHICH WILL BE TREATED MORE FULLY IN SEPTTELS, WERE THE FOLLOWING.

1. BILATERAL RELATIONS: AGREEMENT ON BOTH SIDES THAT THERE ARE NO MAJOR PROBLEMS IN US-POLISH RELATIONS.
 2. PRESIDENT'S VISIT: CORDIAL STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY GIEREK AND OLSZOWSKI AND POLAND LOOKS FORWARD TO A VISIT BY PRESIDENT
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FORD, WHENEVER IT MAY TAKE PLACE. GIEREK SAID THE PRESIDENT'S

VISIT SHOULD BE AN EXEMPLARY ONE FOR STRENGTHENING OF TIES AMONG NATIONS OF DIFFERENT SYSTEMS.

3. MFN FOR USSR: SENATOR PERCY SUGGESTED THAT SENATORS JAVITS AND RIBICOFF WOULD SEEK TO REMOVE THE BARRIERS TO TRADE WITH THE SOVIET UNION. OLSZOWSKI COMMENTED THAT THIS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN BUILDING MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND WOULD AFFECT MANY OTHER NON-TRADE QUESTIONS, INCLUDING THE CSCE THIRD-BASKET ITEMS.

4. CSCE: OLSZOWSKI EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE PROBLEMS STANDING IN THE WAY OF ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR THE CSCE SUMMIT AT HELSINKI LATER THIS MONTH OR EARLY NEXT MONTH WOULD BE REMOVED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS.

5. MBFR: OLSZOWSKI EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT AFTER THE CSCE SUMMIT ONE COULD EXPECT "VERY SPECIFIC AND DEFINITE PROGRESS AT THE MBFR TALKS IN VIENNA." THIS CAME IN RESPONSE TO A STRONG STATEMENT BY SENATOR MCLURE ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY OF CONFIDENCE-BUILDING IN THE FACE OF GROWING SOVIET MILITARY BUDGET.

6. CIVIL AIR: SENATORS SCOTT AND JAVITS STRONGLY URGED FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF POLISH PURCHASE OF US AIRCRAFT. LATER IN THE MEETING, OLSZOWSKI EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MORE LOT FREQUENCIES TO THE US AND A DIRECT ROUTE TO CHICAGO. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION ON EITHER POINT.

7 BICENTENNIAL: IN PREPARED CLOSING REMARKS, OLSZOWSKI SAID THAT POLAND WAS GETTING READY TO CELEBRATE THE US BICENTENNIAL WITH "MANY EVENTS.". HE COMMENDED THE FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON EXHIBIT NOW IN WARSAW.

8. CONFIDENCE-BUILDING: GIEREK PLACED GREAT STRESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING MUTUAL TRUST IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT PRACTICAL STEPS MUST BE TAKEN IN THIS AREA, BUT OFFERED NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS.

9. POLISH-ISRAELI RELATIONS: GIEREK EXPRESSED REGRET THAT POLAND DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND SAID HE BELIEVED THESE WOULD BE RESTORED, BUT GAVE NO INDICATION

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WHEN. HE SAID THAT POLAND CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE EXISTENCE OF A SOVEREIGN STATE OF ISRAEL AND THAT THE AVERAGE POLE, "EXCLUDING SOME MARGINAL GROUPS," HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED ISRAEL. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE ISRAELIS SHOULD DRAW CONCLUSIONS FROM THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST SO THAT RELATIONS BASED ON MUTUAL TRUST BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAEL CAN BE ESTABLISHED. OTHERWISE, A VERY DANGEROUS CRISIS COULD BREAK OUT. "FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS, WE

HOPE THE ISRAELIS WILL REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARABS."
IN CONCLUSION, GIEREK SAID TRUST IS NEEDED MUCH MORE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST THAN IN ANY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD.

10. BRIDGE-BUILDING: GIEREK SAID POLAND WAS TRYING TO DO
THE THINGS IT CONSIDERS MOST REASONABLE IN ORDER "TO BUILD
BRIDGES LINKING THE TWO PARTS OF THE WORLD," HE SAID POLAND
WAS TRYING TO CREATE A CLIMATE OF RAPPROCHEMENT AND EVERY-
THING POLAND DOES MUST SERVE THIS BASIC GOAL.
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